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1. Hermann Rentsch, Paul Markgraf, and thirty-two others have recently returned from the Soviet Union after a one-year training course there. There are indications that these officers will be assigned to the General Staff which is to be formed.
2. As a sequel to the talks between Walter Ulbricht and leading Soviet officials on 25 and 26 August 1950, concerning the incorporation of the Volkspolizei into the Eastern European forces, further conferences took place in Berlin about 25 September at which organizational and technical matters were discussed. For the DDR, some 12 to 15 leading police officials took part under the leadership of Walter Ulbricht and Vincenz Mueller. The Russians were represented by several political officials from Karlshorst and high officers from Moscow. Polish, Czech, Bulgarian, and Rumanian officials were also present at the negotiations.
3. The following decisions were taken during the negotiations:
 - a. All police officers who at present are taking training courses, which should be completed about the end of December 1950, will not return to their former units but will take over the leadership of new units which will be formed. This also is to apply to enlisted men now in training insofar as they are suited to be instructors.
 - b. Members of the FDJ who are taking courses in the state schools of the FDJ will not, as earlier planned, be released but, insofar as they are suited, will receive training as officers or an adequate political training and will then be attached to the Volkspolizei.
 - c. The number of students at the former torpedo testing station at Ribnitz, which has been established as a training school for the Seepolizei, is to be raised from 1200 to 2400 as soon as possible. By April it is hoped to raise the number even more. Ideally, a Seepolizei numbering 10,000 persons is desired.

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1. The production of the Warnow shipyards is to be doubled by 1953. From 1952 on ships of from 10,000 to 15,000 gross registered tons are to be built. The requirements of ship-building material for 1951 are expected to amount to about 80,000 tons.
2. The Russian officers gave assurances that the planned artillery *Bereitschaften* will receive new Russian guns.
3. The German representatives gave assurances that the most important East German harbors will be deepened by about eight meters. Dredging is now taking place in Rostock.
4. The present strength of the Volkspolizei was declared to be absolutely insufficient and is to be increased as soon as possible.
5. The German representatives reported that the Transportpolizei is to be increased by 30,000 men.
6. A further increase in the number of students at the state schools of the FDJ was agreed by all to be necessary.
7. The people's owned clothing factory "Fortschritt" is now engaged entirely in the manufacture of uniforms for the Volkspolizei. The number of employees of the firm has been increased to 3,000.
8. A conscription law should be proclaimed in December 1950 at the latest. The law is presently being drafted. The term of service has not been decided upon as yet, but it has been decided that liability for service will begin with the completion of one's eighteenth year. The law should come into force by 1 April 1951 at the latest.

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